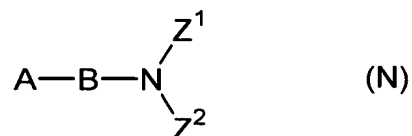


**Abstract**

Provided is a hair cosmetic composition containing (A) an amphipathic amide lipid, (B) a cationic surfactant or a tertiary amine type compound represented by the following formula (N):



wherein, A represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated amide, (N-hydrocarbon)carbamoyl, acyloxy or hydrocarbonoxy group each having 12 to 24 carbon atoms in total, B represents a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1-22</sub> hydrocarbon group, and Z<sup>1</sup> and Z<sup>2</sup> each represents a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group; or a salt of the compound, and (C) a silicone; and having a pH at 25°C of from 1 to 4.5 when diluted with water to 20 times the weight of the composition.

The hair cosmetic composition of the present invention can protect hair from physical and chemical stimulation, thereby preventing split ends or broken hair, and impart hair with good feeling to the touch, for example, moist feeling, smoothness and suppleness which healthy hair inherently possesses, and has excellent storage stability.